



JEROME "BUDDIE" FORD NATURE CENTER

SPRING & SUMMER 2022
ADULT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



The Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center and the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) are excited to announce a new **gardening series** designed to bring you the best tips and tricks this planting season!



SPRING PLANTING

Spring is upon us! Want to start a flower or vegetable garden? Not sure when the appropriate time is to begin planting in our region? Want to know how to best analyze your soil before you start planting? Get easy planting tips and learn which herbs and vegetables grow best in containers, and which are best planted in an outdoor garden. Max 7.

Saturday, April 16 11 a.m. - 12 :30 p.m. \$5 #469851-01

INTRODUCTION TO CONTAINER GARDENING

If you live in an apartment or have limited outdoor space, container gardening may be the ideal solution for you! Learn the best techniques for growing fresh flowers, herbs, and vegetables throughout the season. You will receive tips to help you choose proper containers, easy plants to grow, and the best combination of plants to grow successful herbs and vegetables. Max 7.

Saturday, May 14 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$5 #469851-02



POLLINATOR HABITAT & FOOD SOURCES

Join us to learn what pollination is and who the pollinators are in our pollinator garden at the nature center. You'll hear from experts about the benefits we provide them, and what they provide us. You'll get the best tips for creating your own native plant habitat on your balcony or garden!

Saturday, July 16 11 a.m. - 12 :30 p.m. \$5 #469851-03

Hours of Operation:
Wednesday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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MOSQUITO & TICK MANAGEMENT: PESTICIDE REDUCTION FOR POLLINATOR PROTECTION



In this lecture and Q&A session, we will:

- Identify the most common mosquitoes, how to reduce their populations in your yard without chemicals, protect yourself against bites, and protect pollinators.
- Identify the most common ticks in VA, learn how they spread disease, the safest ways to avoid and repel them, and some common tick-borne diseases and symptoms.

Wednesday, April 20 6:30 - 8 p.m. *Drop-in*



DOG FRIENDLY NATURE HIKE: NATIVE TREES

All ages. What makes a morning hike in the park even better? Having your dog tag along! Join an Arborist as we explore Dora Kelley Nature Park. All dogs must remain on-leash at all times. Light refreshments provided. Registration fee required for each participant.

Saturday, April 30 9 - 11 a.m. \$3 #469848-01

WILDLIFE BIKE RIDE

Explore Alexandria's beautiful parks and learn about the animals that call it their home! You'll proceed at a leisurely pace over mostly level, paved pathways, stopping at points of natural and environmental interest along the way. Bring your own bicycle, water, and snacks. Participants will leave from Dora Kelley Nature Park (adjacent to Jerome Buddie Ford Nature Center)

Saturday, May 7 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$5 #469830-01

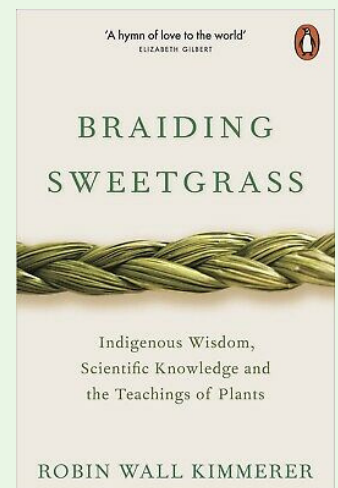


ECO BOOK CLUB

Do you have an interest in topics like our impact on the environment, climate change, ecosystems, or natural history? Join fellow nature enthusiasts to discuss ecology-themed books. This book club is not academic in nature and is open to everyone aged 16 and up. No scientific background, expertise, or prior knowledge is required. We will meet virtually once a month. The program is free but advance registration is required as space is limited!

First meeting: Wednesday, May 19 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Free (pre-registration required) Location: Virtual



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